reported that their data reporting system does not generate the information in the manner asked for. However, the number of beneficiaries and the amount written off by Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) scheme, 1990 in the two districts of Andaman and Nicobar are indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of district	*No. of beneficiaries*	*Amount*
Andaman district	1274	19.98
Nicobar district	6	0.16
Total	1280	20.14

Passenger-Cum-Cargo ships for Andaman and Nicobar Administration

326. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT to be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had placed order for building of three passenger cum cargo ships on Poland Shipyard for Andaman and Nicobar Administration;

(b) if so, whether one such ship delivered recently has got manufacturing defects;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter;

(d) whether any inspection has been conducted during the manufacturing stage of other ships; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c). All new vessels constructed experience some teething problems which are usually resolved during the guarantee period of one year. The defects/deficiencies noticed on the first passenger cum cargo vessel M.V. Nicobar have been reported to the Shipyard and these are being rectified continually. The entire cost involved in such rectification of defects noticed during the guarantee period of one year of the vessel will be met by the Shipyard.

(d) & (e). The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., who are supervising the construction of these three ships, has maintained a team of four engineers at the Shipyard throughout the period of construction of the vessels, and their job is to daily inspect, monitor and test the machinery and equipment as they are being installed and commissioned. The defects observed on the first vessel are in the normal course passed on to these engineers who then take care that these defects/deficiencies are not being repeated on the remaining vessels.

Persons arrested for evasion of Excise Duty in Bombay

327. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE to be pleased to state: